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In re Patent Application of:
Paul Falkenstein et al.

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For: FUSED ARRAY PREFORM FABRICATION
OF HOLEY OPTICAL FIBERS Examiner: S. U. Song

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 18, 2006 applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1-17 for continued examination, with traverse. The Examiner has required restriction between claims 1-17 drawn to a method of making a holey fiber and claims 18-20 are drawn to a glass holey fiber because the Examiner asserts these inventions are independent and distinct.

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Respectfully submitted,

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